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BILLINGS – Pompeys Pillar National Monument will open for the season on Saturday, May 24.

The historic site is 25 miles east of Billings off Interstate 94. It will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May 24 through Labor Day. Admission is \$3 per vehicle.

The site offers a day use area, visitor contact station and gift shop. As in past years, Friday Evening Campfire Programs are also planned. The first program will be June 13 and feature a presentation by Howard Boggess about Crow culture and history. The Friday night programs will continue throughout the season and cover topics such as the history and geology of the area and subjects related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. All programs start at 7 p.m. Complete schedules are available at the site or by calling 406-875-2233.

Pompeys Pillar is managed by the Bureau of Land Management with the assistance of the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association, a group of citizen volunteers.

“We’re grateful to Association members for their continued support,” said Dick Kodeski, Monument Manager. “They provide invaluable assistance in the day-to-day operations at the Monument.”

On his return trip, William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition carved his name and the date in the sandstone face of the Pillar. The inscription remains the only physical evidence of the expedition that is still visible on the actual route. Pompeys Pillar was a designated National Landmark prior to becoming a National Monument in January 2001.

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